

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Teen Success Workshop Arrives in April** *Free event helps youth plan for bright future*

Message to teens: we know you have life goals and hopes for achievement. Now, a free workshop can show you how to make it happen.

Teens, parents, teachers and people who work with teens are all invited to **Achieving Success for Teens**, a riveting two-hour workshop that includes a bestselling workbook to help guide your planning. The workshop is coordinated by The Village Group, Life Decisions Group, Georgetown County School District, Waccamaw Regional Education Center, Georgetown County Library System, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

“We believe that successful, thriving communities are built by educated families with good jobs,” said Ray Funnye, founder of the Village Group. “We think this workshop can be a stepping stone for our youth to move to a brighter future. I would love for every teen to achieve something they can be proud of, a job that challenges them, and this is a great first step.”

The program will be offered three times, so you can choose the date that works best with your schedule: Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm; Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 -8:30 pm; and Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9 – 11 am. All three workshops will be at the Beck Administration Building at 2018 Church Street in Georgetown.

Al Foderaro, the presenter, possesses over 30 years of experience providing counsel and advice to teens and adults making important academic, personal and career decisions. His experience inspired him to write several books, including “It’s Your Decision for Teens, A Commonsense Guide to Making Better Choices,” and “Keys to Student Success, “ which have been used in schools and colleges nationwide.

“The teenage years serve as a kind of bridge between being a child and becoming an adult, and are filled with high expectations and great responsibility,” said Foderaro. “Teens are being asked to make some life-impacting decisions. The better they become at making those decisions, the more satisfying and brighter their futures and adult lives will be. **Achieving Success for Teens** covers critical elements that every youth needs to address.”

There are some fun perks just for attending the workshop – dozens of door prizes will be given away, including an iPad. WalMart is providing funding and snacks for participants, and Myrtle Beach Speedway is giving away 300 free tickets. Generous groups like Agri America, First

Citizen's Bank, Trebol USA, Allstate Insurance, Mead and Hunt and KRA Corporation are purchasing the event workbooks and the Georgetown Times is providing marketing help.

There's even a chance to start right away on your path to success. On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, just after the workshop, there will be a giant **Teen Job Fair** in the same building. From 11 am until 1 pm, teens can meet local businesses who are hiring for the summer, enjoy great giveaways, and even get help with their resume or applications. The job fair is sponsored by the Georgetown County Library and S.C. Works Waccamaw, with funding from a Smart investing@your library® grant, a partnership between the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Association.

"We want to get teens connected with summer jobs, and it seemed to be a great fit, teaming up with the workshops," said Georgetown Library Director Dwight McInvaill. "One step to career success is getting that first job on your resume!"

Preregistration is not required for the workshops or job fair. For questions about the **Achieving Success for Teens** workshops, please call (843)436-7071. For more information about the **Teen Job Fair**, please call (843) 545-3327.